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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am a customer of a competitive local provider. I do this because I want to support local business and economy. I urge you to not allow big telephone companies to monopolize unbundled copper lines forces smaller companies to raise rates and limiting a competitive market in general.

Broadband is critical to my families general livelihood from paying bill, communicating schools and doctors, work and entertainment. As consumers we should have the opportunity to shop around and support the businesses that reflect our values and give back to our community.

Thank you, Wm. Smith

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